

THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE  
ON PUBLIC LANDS

Exchanges and Sales of Public Reserved Lands  
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## INTRODUCTION

Since the resolution of Cushing v. State of Maine, (1981), the Maine Legislature has approved land exchanges/settlements with 11 private landowners in an effort to proceed with consolidation of the Public Reserved Lands System and to settle such claims as may have resulted from the private taking of timber from these lands after the right to do so had expired.

These exchanges brought 147,012 acres of forestland into public ownership, creating a net gain for the State of 52,316 acres --and raising from 13 to 20 the number of consolidated management units within the Public Reserved Lands System. Ranging in size from 3,000 to 30,000 acres, the consolidated management Units now comprise an area of more than 297,000 acres out of a total area of nearly 450,000 acres.

## CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF CUSHING TRANSACTIONS

With respect to the settlement of former timber and grass claims' issues, the Governor's Task Force is presenting three land trades and two sales to the Legislature for approval. The sales reflect a lack of suitable tradeland within the ownership of the private parties with which the State is seeking settlement. As an alternative, the Task Force negotiated the sale of formerly contested Public Lots and sought an additional cash payment as settlement of timber and grass issues. All revenue received from sales and settlements will be deposited in a Public Reserved Lands acquisition account for future land purchases in order to further the goals of consolidation. All lands purchased in this fashion will be incorporated into and subject to the Trust conditions of the Public Reserved Lands System

Upon execution of the current round of trades, the Governor's Task Force will have accomplished settlements on all but about 3,000 acres of the land contested in the Cushing litigation. That work is now 99 percent complete.

Transactions negotiated by the Governor's Task Force include the following:

#### LAND TRADES

Landowner	State To Convey/ac.	State To Acquire/ac.	Net To State Acres	Value
Irving	11,332	16,676	5,344	\$ 980,954
Pejepscot	1,792	2,662	870	19,668
Hilton	1,960	2,712	752	94,752
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,084</b>	<b>22,052</b>	<b>6,966</b>	<b>\$1,095,374</b>

#### LAND SALES

Landowner	Township	Acres Conveyed	Land Value	Settlmnt Value	Total Value
Megantic Mfg	Gorham Gore	387	\$ 65,790	\$13,701	\$ 79,491
	Beattie Gore	500	85,000	00	85,000
Pierce Intrsts	A R. 2 WELS	206	23,690	31,310	55,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,093</b>	<b>\$174,480</b>	<b>\$45,011</b>	<b>\$219,491</b>

## INDIVIDUAL SUMMARIES OF CUSHING TRADES:

## Irving Pulp &amp; Paper, Ltd.

Township	Acres	L/U	Shore Value	Total Value
State of Maine to Convey:				
Big 20	1,250	L	00	\$181,250
19 R 11 WELS	1,125	L	00	163,125
15 R 13 WELS	980	L	00	147,000
16 R 4 WELS	24	L	00	3,000
14 R 14 WELS	475 E/2	L	00	68,875
	475 W/2	U	00	68,875
18 R 13 WELS	980	L	00	122,500
18 R 12 WELS	692 SW/4	L	00	100,340
	250 SE/4	U	00	36,250
18 R 11 WELS	997	L	00	124,625
17 R 14 WELS	765	U	4,147	*111,247
17 R 13 WELS	936	U	00	117,000
17 R 12 WELS	936	U	00	117,000
15 R 14 WELS	798	L	00	99,750
14 R 15 WELS	649	L	00	94,105
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,332</b>		<b>\$4,147</b>	<b>\$1,554,942</b>

\*NOTE: Water value calculated into total.

## State of Maine to Acquire:

16 R 5 WELS	5,342	L	\$168,000	*\$809,040
10 R 4 WELS	353	U	7,862	*56,576
Long Pond	4,200	L	00	609,000
Moose River	280	L	00	42,000
Jackman	6,420		00	1,007,940
7 R 12 WELS	81	U	00	11,340
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,676</b>		<b>\$175,862</b>	<b>\$2,535,896</b>

\*NOTE: Water value calculated into total.

NET TO STATE: Acres: 5,344  
Value: \$980,954

# BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS

## PUBLIC RESERVED LANDS

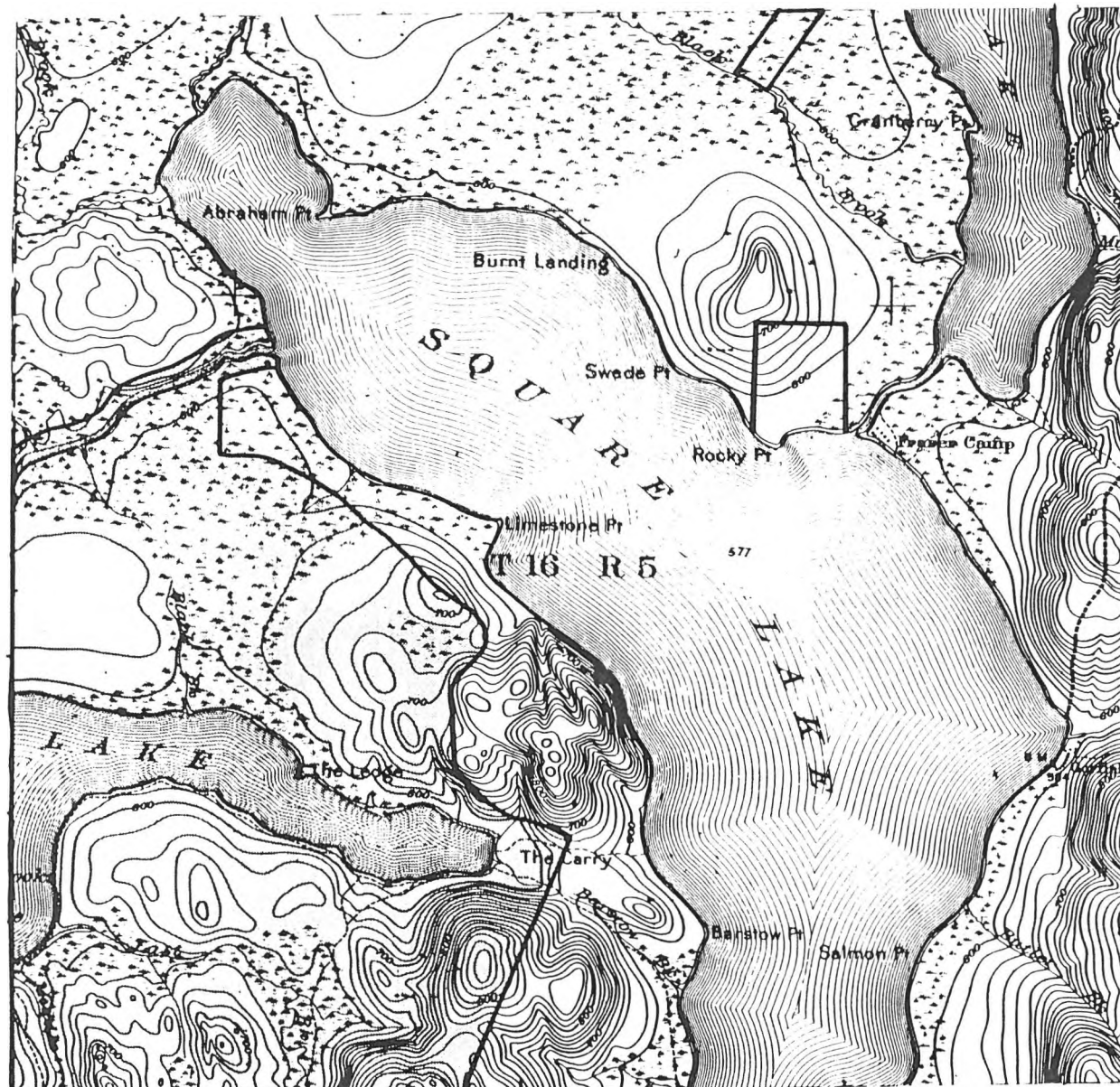
**T16R5WELS**

SCALE 0 1 MILE



**LOCATED**

**5,675 acres**



**IRVING TO STATE 5,342 acres**

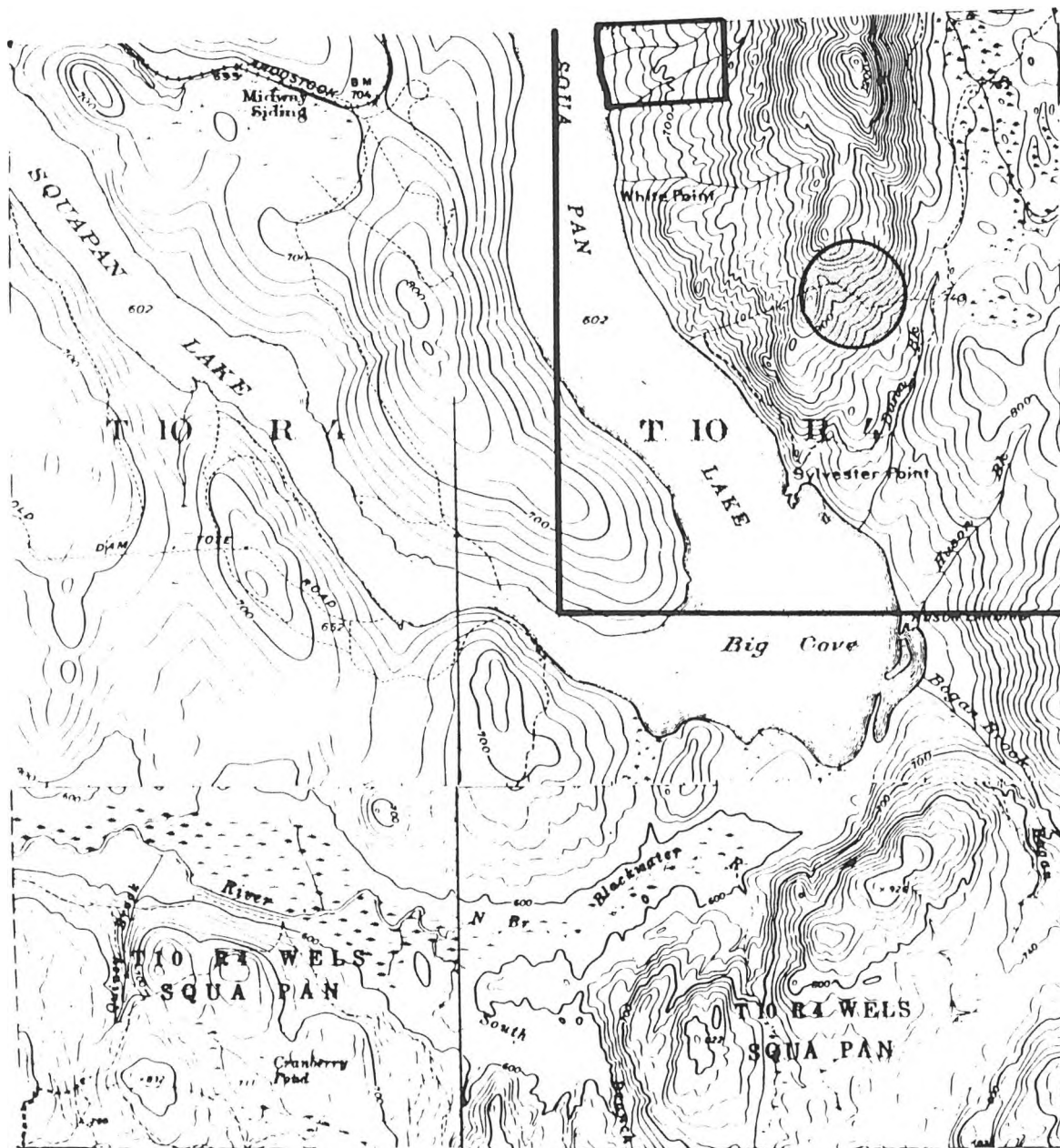


Square Lake District

LOCATION MAP

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IRVING TO STATE 353 acres c/u

# BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS

## PUBLIC RESERVED LANDS

**T10R4 WELS**  
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### LOCATED

NE/4 : 250 acres

### UNLOCATED

NE/4: 5,753 acres

SW 3/4: 3,925 acres

June, 1978



Location Map

03810

Ashland District

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# BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS

## PUBLIC RESERVED LANDS

**T3R1 NBKP**  
Long Pond

SCALE 0 1 MILE



LOCATED

5,269 acres



Holeb District

LOCATION MAP

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IRVING TO STATE 4,200 acres

PUBLIC  
RESERVED  
LANDS

**MOOSE RIVER PLT.**

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**LOCATED**  
**280 acres**



HOLEB DISTRICT  
SOMERSET

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## IRVING TO STATE 280 acres



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### JACKMAN PLT.

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LOCATED  
6,420 acres



Location Map

IRVING TO STATE 6,420 acres

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HOLEB DISTRICT  
SOMERSET

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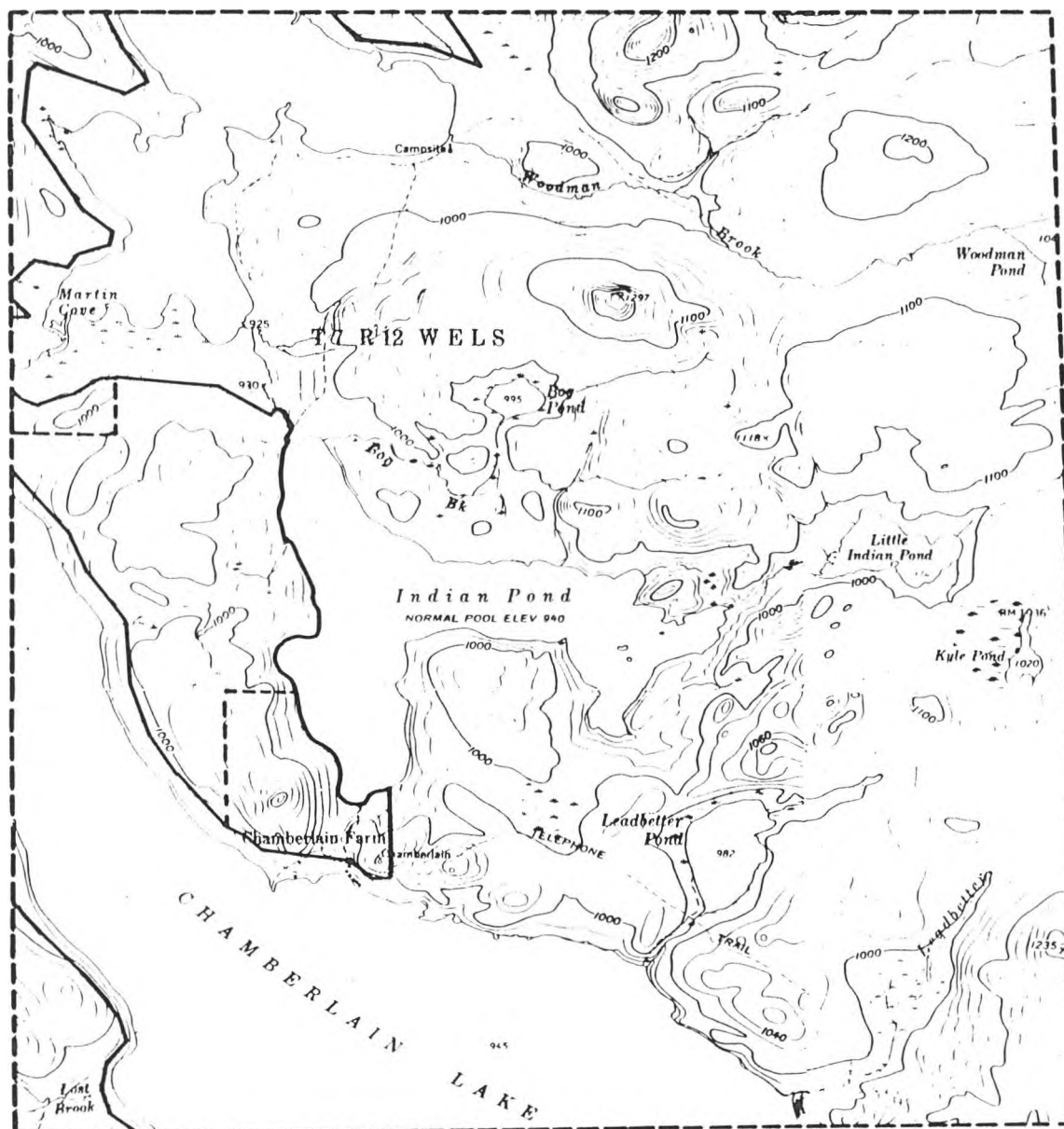
**T7 R12 WELS**

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**LOCATED  
2,631 acres**

**UNLOCATED  
81 acres**



**IRVING TO STATE 81 acres c/u**



Location Map

**TELOS DISTRICT  
PISCATAQUIS**

**21869**

### Pejepscot Paper Company

Township	Acres	L/U	Shore Value	Total Value
State of Maine to Convey:				
25 MD	960	L	00	\$99,250
18 MD	832	L	00	77.990
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,792</b>		<b>00</b>	<b>\$177,240</b>

State of Maine to Acquire:

18 MD	2,662	L	00	\$196,908
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NET TO STATE: Acres: 870  
Value: \$19,668

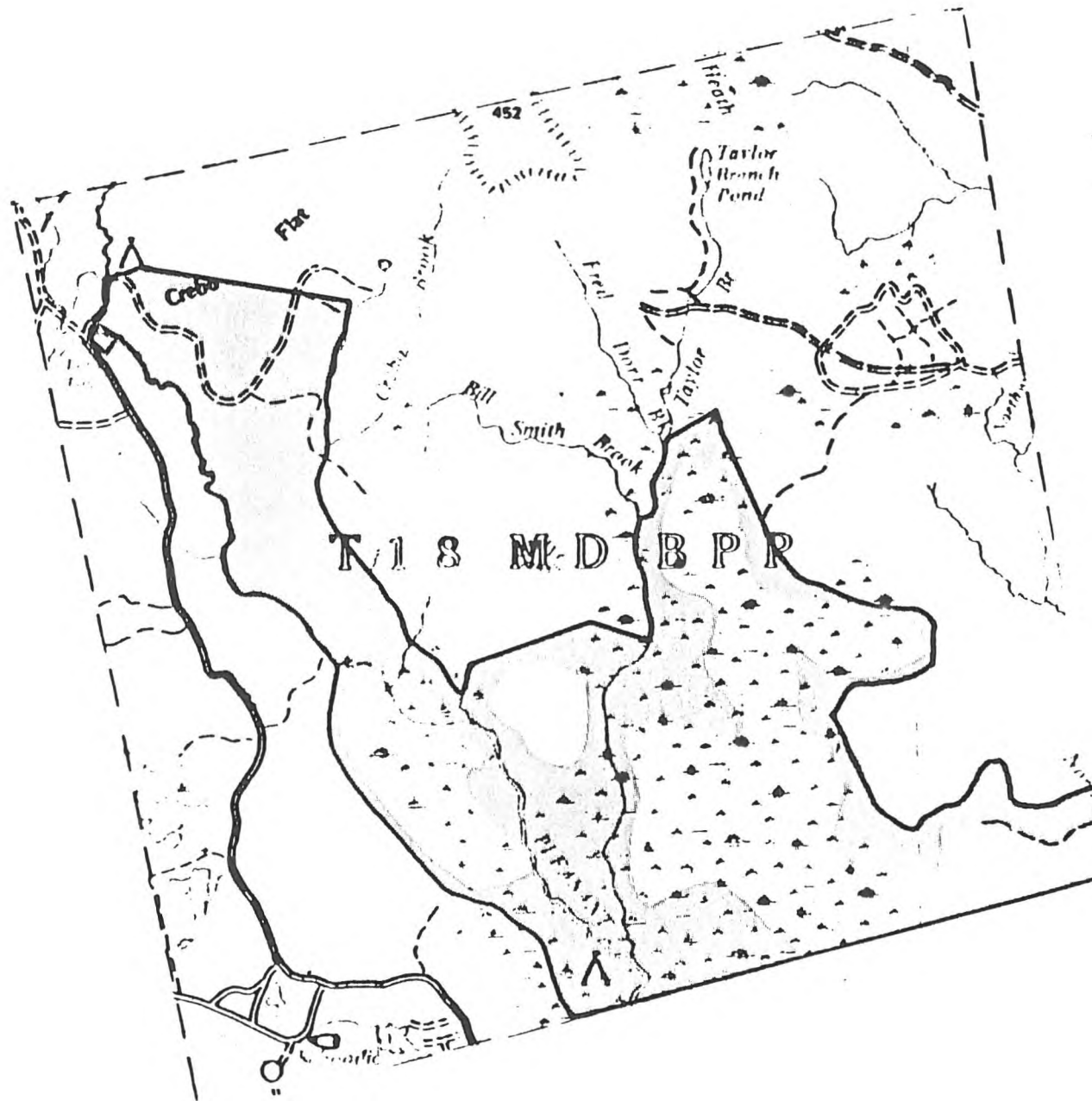
### Louis Hilton Interests

Township	Acres	L/U	Shore Value	Total Value
State of Maine to Convey:				
Sandy Bay	960	U	00	120,960
Bald Mtn	1,000	U	00	126,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,960</b>			<b>\$246,960</b>

State of Maine to Acquire:

Sandy Bay	2,712	L	00	\$341,712
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NET TO STATE: Acres: 752  
Value: \$94,752



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## PUBLIC RESERVED LANDS

T18 MD BPP



LOCATED  
5,107 acres

PEJEPSCOT TO STATE 2,662 acres



Location Map

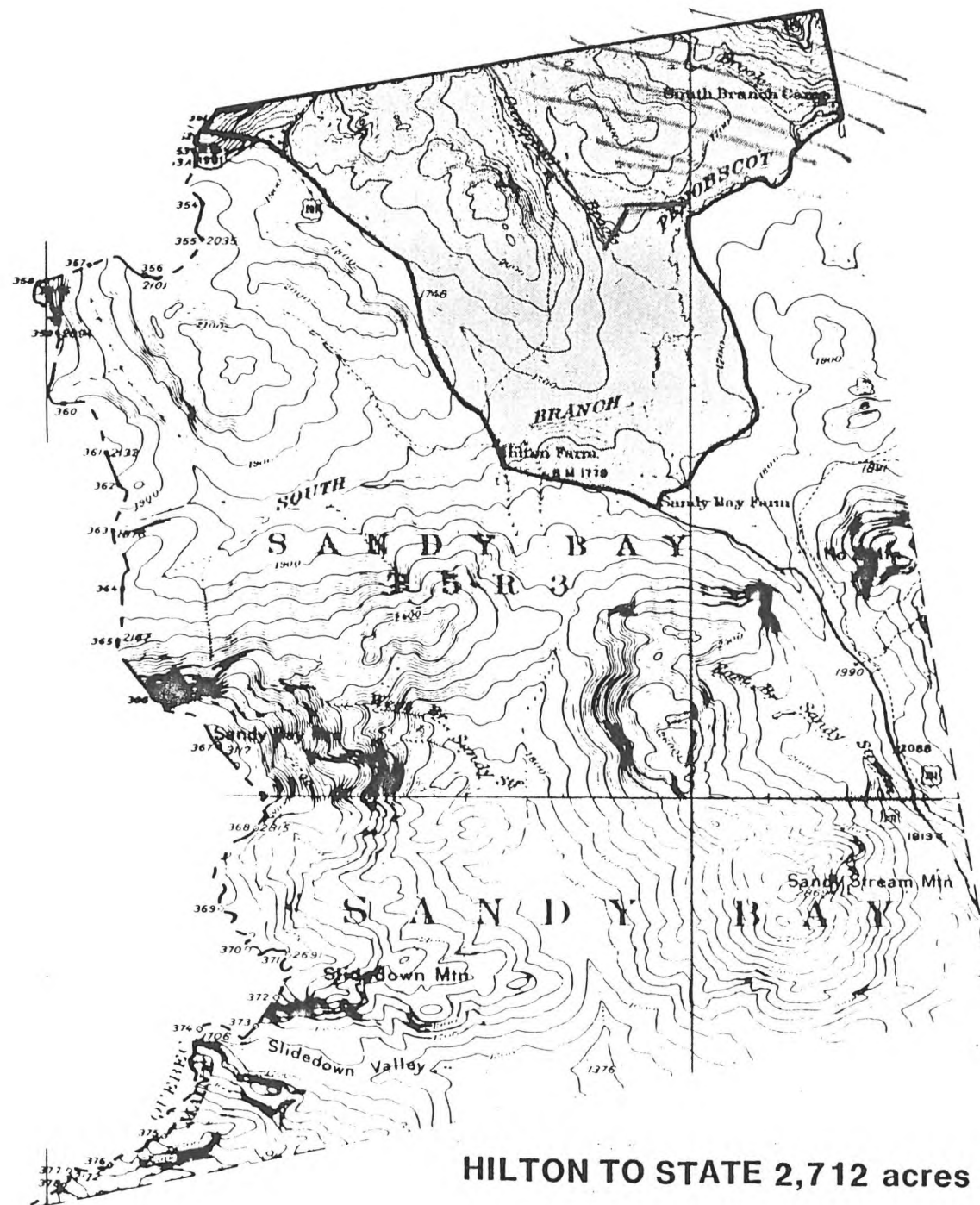
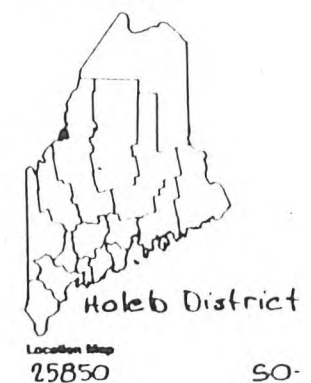
# BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS PUBLIC RESERVED LANDS

**T5R3 NBKP**  
Sandy Bay

Legend

LOCATED  
2,712 acres

June, 1978



HILTON TO STATE 2,712 acres

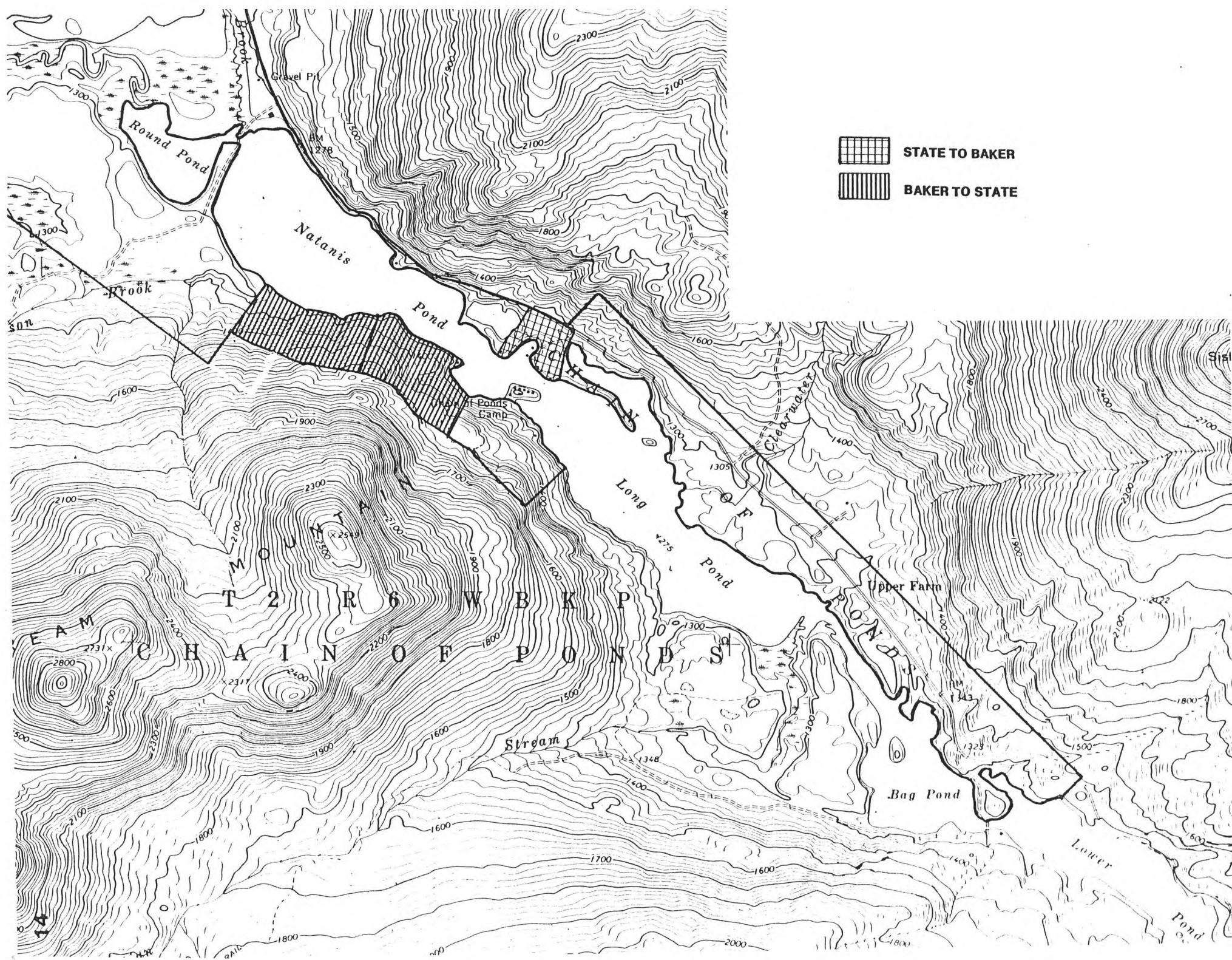


# TRANSACTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS

In addition to those transactions negotiated by the Task Force, the Bureau of Public Lands --responding to 1984 findings of an Energy and Natural Resources Committee study that the State should divest itself of certain camplot leases-- has reached agreements with camplot owners in Carrabassett Valley and Chain of Ponds; and it has, to further the general goals of consolidation, negotiated the sale of four Public Lots in Elliottsville. The Elliottsville transaction was an advertised public sale for which sealed competitive bids were requested.

These transactions may be summarized as follows:

Township	Recipient	Acres Conveyed	Acres Acquired	Sale Price
Chn of Pnds	Camplot Association	100	20	(Trade)
Carrabassett	Camplot Association	37	00	226,880
Elliottsville	Bruce Stewart -Lot 1	114	00	34,200
	Richard Thomas-Lot 2	168	00	32,000
	Prntss & Crsl-Lot 3	125	00	30,250
	Richard Thomas-Lot 4	64	00	11,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>608</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$334,330</b>





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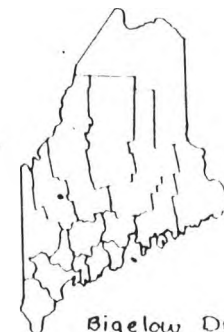
Carrabassett Valley

SCALE 0 1 MILE



LOCATED

1,243 acres



Bigelow District  
LOCATION MAP

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# ELLIOTSVILLE PLANTATION

